

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting March 7, 2023
Connecticut Port Authority Office – In Person
Old Saybrook, CT

Meeting Minutes

In response to concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus disease, and in the interest of the safety and well-being of participation, the meeting was held remotely by conference call (as permitted by Executive Order 7B).

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Mike Eisele for Bill Gash at 09:03 am.

CPC members in Attendance: Wynn Bohonon, Captain Maco, Ulysses Hammond, Mike Eisele, Chris Clark, Captain Peszke, Dave Pohorylo, Bill Gash

CPC Members Absent: Ralph Goglientino

Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore

Public: Captain Meade, Captain Murray, Captain Jonas, Captain Richardson, Captain Toby, Sean Byrnes.

2. Summary Report – Approval of January 10, 2023

Motion: Clark
Second: Pohorylo
Abstained: None
Approved: Yes

3. Public Comments – None

4. U.S. Coast Guard – No representatives present

5. Continuing Business

- A. Discussion-Pilot Safety Equipment & Training Reimbursement Regulations CGS 15-14-1c
Additional Fees.

Points of Discussion.

- A general question from Peszke was asked who the custodian of the fund is. Salvatore responded with CPA. The balance of the fund as of the meeting is \$32,500.00

- B. CT Pilot Apprentice Training Discussion and Progress Update (Interport)

- Captain McCallum continues to make trips towards his federal license. He attained Easter LIS and New Haven Harbor. He is now working towards Block Island Sound with trips counting towards the CT License and training.
- Captain Dillman is in contact with Interport. Interport reiterated offer to ride ships.
- Captain Cooney not responsive in months to start training/trips.

- Eisele commented that (7) potential pilots is adequate for now. The question is whether apprentice pilots should have a timeline period to attain the required training for licensure. The apprentice process cannot be open forever. If the apprentice is not responsive to start training right away, it makes sense to move on.
- Peszke commented that the rotation with McCallum would suffice. McCallum's qualities are what the CT Pilots like.

C. CT Pilot General Update

- Captain Meade commented that the passage of new pilotage requirements for Bridgeport Harbor now allows Toby and himself to qualify. Two packages will be submitted to the CPC for review.

D. Update – Extension-of-Route for Bridgeport Harbor and Thames River Legislative Change.

- The CPA became aware that the Legislative change was in fact approved last session (2022) within a CTDOT legislative package. CPA or CPC was not notified of the passage.

6. New Business

A. Update – CT Pilot Training for Docking at the Improved State Pier Northeast Bulkhead (Delivery Berth).

Salvatore provided an update that training is being organized by CPA and Orsted for the CT Pilots, Northeast Pilots, Thames Tow and McCallister Tow.

The training will be cost shared between CPA and Orsted. CPA's share will come from the CT Pilots Safety and Training Fund.

The Safety and Training Fund fees are collected by the Rotation Administrator, and then dispersed to the CPA at the end of the year. CPA is the vehicle to manage the fund.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Eisele

Second: Maco

Time: 9:30 am

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Location: TBD